

SCHOOL NURSE SERVICES CREDENTIAL

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PRELIMINARY CREDENTIAL:

A candidate may apply directly to the Commission office if he or she:

- (a) verifies possession of a baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university, and
- (b) verifies possession of a valid Registered Nurse license issued by the State of California. (If you do not hold the license, contact the Board of Registered Nurses, 400 'R' Street, Suite 4030, Sacramento, CA 95814, 916/322-3350.)

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROFESSIONAL CLEAR CREDENTIAL:

A candidate must apply through a California college or university with a Commission-approved school nurse program and must verify:

- (a) possession of the Preliminary School Nurse Services Credential,
- (b) completion of two years of successful experience as a school nurse or the equivalent as specified by the institution's approved program (if the Preliminary School Nurse Credential was issued on or before 07-01-81, this experience is not required), and
- (c) completion of a Commission-approved school nurse program; the application must include the formal recommendation of the college or university where the program was completed.

TERM OF THE CREDENTIAL:

The preliminary School Nurse Services Credential is issued for five calendar years and is not renewable. The professional clear credential is issued for five calendar years and may be renewed.

NOTE: In order to renew the professional clear credential the holder must complete 150 clock hours of planned and approved professional growth activities and the equivalent of full-time service for one-half of one school year on the professional clear credential. Please refer to the Professional Growth Manual.

AUTHORIZATION FOR SERVICE:

Holders of the preliminary and professional clear School Nurse Services Credential shall be authorized to conduct immunization programs pursuant to Education Code Section 49403; to assess and evaluate the health and developmental status of pupils; to interpret the health and developmental assessment to parents, teachers, administrators, and other professionals directly concerned with the pupil; to design and implement individual student health maintenance plans, incorporating plans directed by a physician; to refer the pupil and parent or guardian to appropriate community resources for necessary services; to maintain communication with parents and all involved community practitioners and agencies to promote needed treatment and secure reports of findings pertinent to educational planning; to interpret medical and nursing findings appropriate to the student's individualized education program and make recommendations to professional personnel directly involved; to consult with, conduct inservice training for, and serve as a resource person to teachers and administrators; develop and implement health education curriculum; to act as a participant in implementing a comprehensive health instruction curriculum for students; to counsel and assist pupils and parents in health related and school adjustment services; and to teach health related subjects under the supervision of a classroom teacher.

COMMISSION-APPROVED SCHOOL NURSE PROGRAMS:

California State University, Fresno
California State University, Long Beach
California State University, Los Angeles
California State University, Northridge
California State University, Sacramento

San Diego State University
San Jose State University
Loma Linda University
University of San Diego

OTHER HEALTH SERVICES CREDENTIALS

BACKGROUND:

The Commission has statutory authorization to issue Health Services Credentials in any health related field other than audiometrist, occupational therapist or physical therapist. Title 5 Regulations authorize the issuance of the following: Physician, Dentist, Dental Hygienist and Optometrist. In addition, the Commission will issue Health Services Credentials for Clinical Psychologists and for Psychiatric Social Workers. Please note that these credentials are for service in the mental health field and do not authorize the holder to perform the duties of a school counselor or school social worker.

TITLE 5 REGULATIONS:

Sections 80051 and 80052 describing the requirements and authorization for a Health Services, other than school nurse credential, reads as follows:

§80051. Services Credential with Specialization in Health Services Other Than School Nurse. A Health Services Credential shall be issued for five years upon verification of the possession of a valid license, certificate, or registration, appropriate to the health service to be designated, issued by the California agency authorized by law to license, certificate, or register persons to practice that health service in California.

(a) The services under this section shall be limited to:

1. Physician (all specialties);
2. Dentist (all specialties);
3. Dental Hygienist; and
4. Optometrist."

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 44225, Education Code. Reference Section 44267, Education Code.

§80052. Authorization for Service. The credential issued under Sections 80050 and 80051 shall authorize the holder to serve in the area designated on the credential in preschool, kindergarten, and grades one through twelve."

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 44225, Education Code. Reference Section 44267, Education Code.

The initial application must include:

- (1) a completed application form (41-4);
- (2) complete set of collegiate transcripts;
- (3) photocopy of the State of California license, certificate or registration appropriate to the health service;
- (4) the required \$70 fee as specified in Education Code Section 44235;
- (5) two fingerprint cards for personal identification and \$56.00 fingerprint card processing fee, if not already submitted.

REFERENCES: Education Code Sections: 44873 (Physician); 44875 (Dentist); 44876 (Dental Hygienist); 44878 (Optometrist); and 44874 (Clinical Psychologist and Psychiatric Social Worker).